GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF RUSSIAN MIG-29K TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have prepared a contract document for sale of 25 to 28 Russian Mig-29K aircraft to be attached with the Admiral Gorashkov aircraft carrier;

(b) if so, the present status thereof;

(c) whether India will be able to manufacture the Mig-29K in Indian aviation companies on the basis of previous deals with Russian Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) signed on 4th October 2000, inter-alia, provides for the acquisition of `Admiral Gorshkov`, an Aircraft Carrier, from Russia and its refit and modernization. Russia have indicated Mig-29K as the possible deck based fixed wing aircraft for the Aircraft Carrier. A Detailed Project Document (DPD) has been prepared by the Russian SideAn investment decision on the acquisition of `Admiral Gorshkov` has not yet been taken.

(c) & (d): As a final decision on the choice of the deck based aircraft for the `Admiral Gorshkov` has not yet been taken, it is premature to consider its indigenous manufacture, at this stage.